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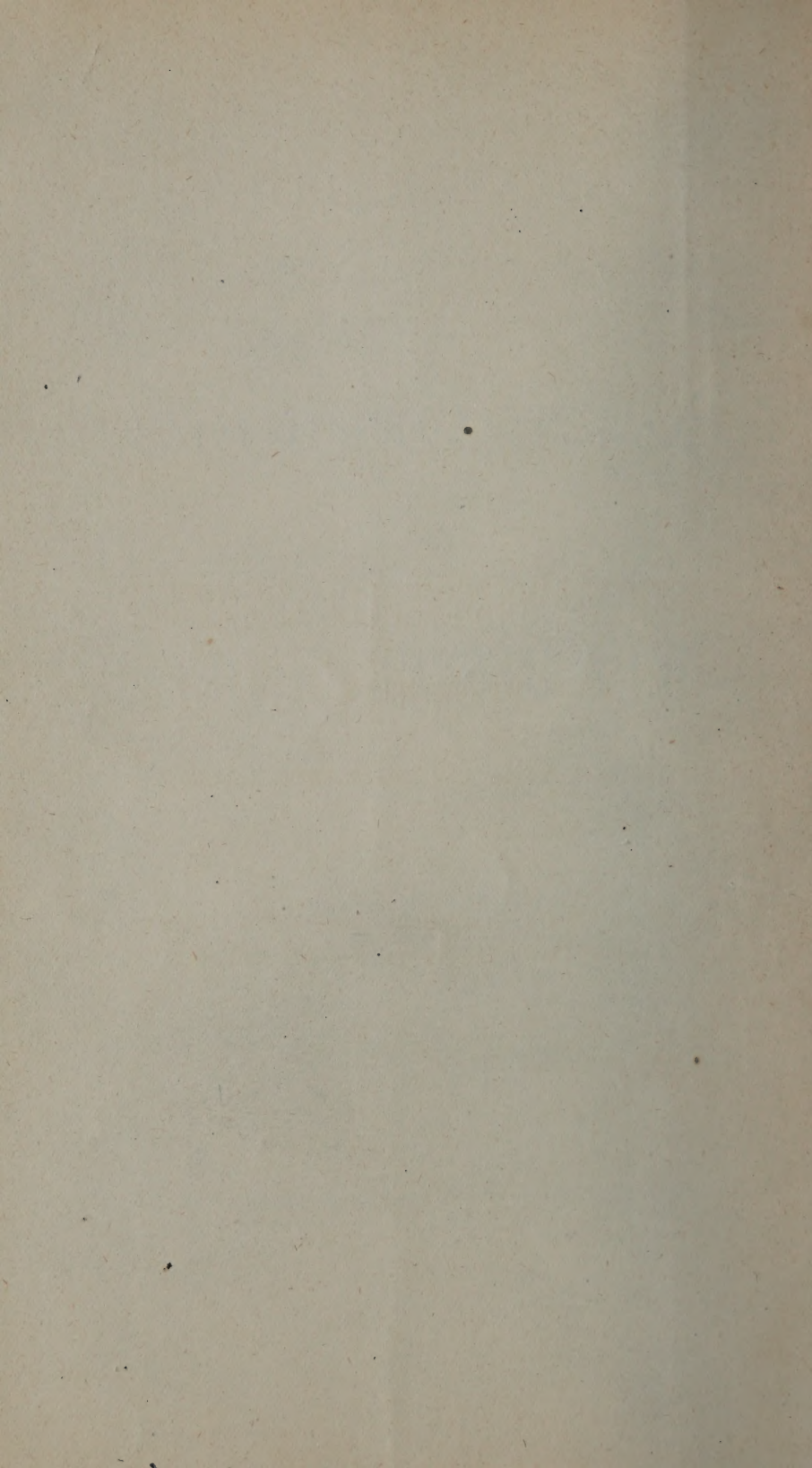
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REPORT
OF
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF WINCHESTER, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

The School Board respectfully present the following
report for the year ending March 1, 1885.

TABULAR STATEMENT No. 1.

Districts.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Whole No. Scholars.	Reduced Number.	Av. Attendance.	No. not absent.	Pennanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.
1	9, 8, 10=27	7	5	12	11	9	6	10	11	9	6		
2	10, 8, 12=30	27	21	48	48	26	26	28	35	16	5		
2	10, 8, 12=30	34	33	67	61	34	1	25	15	9	5		
2	60	61	54	115	109	60	1	53	50	25		43	50
3	3 x 12=36	25	25	50	50	33	2	3	31		38		50
3	3 x 12=36	24	26	50	32	28	1	48	50	50	48		50
3	Grammar.	23	24	47	36	41	4	44	47	46	24		19
3	Intermediate.	23	25	54	42	35	3	24	49	35			
3	Primary.	23	25	54	42	35	3	24	49	35			
3	11, 11, 10=32	101	100	201	160	137	10	119	177	131	110	43	119
3	11, 10=20	7	3	10	10	9	3	7	7	6	2		2
4	10, 10=20	8	10	18	18	15	2	13	15	10	4		6
5	8, 9=17	8	10	18	18	15	2	10	11	10	4		6
6	10, 13=23	8	4	12	8	9	2	10	11	10	2		
7	7, 10=17	5	7	12	12	10	1	8	9	8	1		
7	8, 8=16	3	7	10	10	10	1	9	8	8	2		
8	8, 12=20	7	6	13	12	9	2	10	11	11			
9	9, 9=18	10	6	16	15	15	6	10	10	8	2		1
10	8, 10=18	9	4	13	12	9	4	5	5	4	2		2
13	8, 8=16	6	1	7	6	7	3	5	5	4	2		
15	8, 8=16	9	4	13	12	9	4	5	5	4	2		
16	11, 14=25	12	9	21	21	15	8	17	17	10	8	1	
18	3 x 10=30	20	24	44	43	31	2	38	38	32	8		
18	3 x 10=30	20	24	44	44	30	2	39	38	11			
18	3 x 10=30	20	24	44	44	30	2	39	38	11			
18	60	40	48	88	87	61	2	77	53	43	8		
19	8, 8, 7=23	7	4	11	6	8	2	8	10	8	8	3	6
20	8, 9=26	10	10	20	16	11	6	13	13	12	5		
20	8, 13=21	20	8	28	26	22	6	13	20	16	6		
21													
Totals,	543	321	286	607	539	416	64	382	420	315	167	47	136

We have labored hard for accuracy in the foregoing figures. The registers as a whole have been very imperfectly filled out by the teachers. In not a few cases we have been obliged to go through the teacher's work to eliminate mistakes. As many as half of the registers are more or less faulty, some of them exceedingly so. The entire numerical strength of each school is found in the column marked, "Whole No. Scholars." This also indicates the number that have attended to reading and spelling. Upon this also the average attendance column and the columns following are based. In the column marked "Reduced No." we have the true showing, as far as we have been able to find it, after deductions for twice counting have been made. Scholars registered in their own district schools, and also in the high school or grammar department, are counted only in the high and grammar schools in these statistics. In the "Reduced No." column will be found very nearly the exact number of scholars in the town and approximately in each district.

TABULAR STATEMENT No. 2.

DISTRICTS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	TEACHERS.
1. Higher.	James P. Putman.	Julia T. Bliss, S. Julia H. Tyler, F. Eva V. Davis, W.
2. Lower.	J. F. Howard.	C. H. Sibley, S. D. P. Hutchins, F. and W.
3. High School.	George H. Snow.	M. Elena Howard, S. Emma F. Pickering, F. M. Elena Howard, W.
3. Grammar.	"	George Sherman, S., F. and W. Miss Rhoda C. Slate, Assistant, W.
3. Intermediate.	"	Jennie F. Swan, S., Dora E. Swan, F. and W.
3. Primary.	"	Sarah E. Rixford, S., F. and W.
4.	"	Jennie L. Weeks, S., F. and W.
5.	George H. Hutchins.	Katie C. Lyman, S. M. Grace Ball, F.
6.	Lorenzo Calkins.	Carrie J. Hutchins, S. and F.
7.	Elijah Baker.	Myrtle B. Eaton, S. and F.
8.	Warren H. Estey.	Fannie E. Holbrook, S. Lelia K. Read, F.
9.	E. S. Wilder.	I. M. A. Guernsey, S. and F.
10.	J. Hill.	Frances Thompson, S. and F.
11.	Haskell Carpenter.	Lizzie M. Gunn, S. Lillian A. Proctor, F.
12.	Frank Lewis.	Ellen L. Bullock, S. and F.
13.	William R. Bullock.	May B. Thompson, S. and F.
14.	C. S. Baker.	Corra B. Smith, S. and F.
15.	LeRoy Felch.	Della A. Baker, S., F. and W.
16. Higher.	"	L. Jeannette Morse, S. and F.
17. Lower.	Henry Manning.	Myrtle H. Swan, S., F. and W.
18.	A. H. Atherton.	Alice S. Holt, S. Julia T. Bliss, F. Eva Crowell and I. M. A. Guernsey, W.
19.	Charles B. Mansfield.	H. Maria Snow, S. and F.
20.		
21.		

NOTE.—S., F. and W. stand for Summer, Fall and Winter terms, respectively. The whole number of teachers is thirty-three; three male teachers and thirty female. Thirteen schools have kept the same teachers throughout the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NOTE.—The figures 1, 2, 3 indicate the terms in which the scholars were perfect.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Frank Kendrick 1, Addie M. Boyce 1, 2, Viola M. Doolittle 1, 2, 3, Wells Field 2, Forest Field 2, Grace Putnam 2, James A. Putnam 3.

NO. 2, UPPER.—Lelia Harder 1, May Birkinshaw 1, 2, Hattie Daniels 1, Susie Starkey 1, 3, Lena Smith 1, 2, Susie Smith 1, 2, David Donovan 1, Willie Quigley 1, Eddie Allen 1, 3, James Fairbanks 1, Eddie Harder 1, Kate Donovan 2, 3, Nellie Griffin 2.

NO. 2, LOWER.—Annie Conroy 1, Sella M. Parker 1, Lizzie Roark 1, George Parker 1 3, Alburet Parker 1, Mary Bouchine 2, K. Coughlin 2, Delia Smith 2, 3, Mary White 2, George Basso 2, Louis Ripley 2, Leander Garney 2, Celina Chretien 3.

NO. 3, HIGH SCHOOL.—Lilla M. Lewis 1, Susie P. Pierce 1, 3, Eva V. Davis 1, Edna C. Whitcomb 1, Eddie F. Birkinshaw 1, Fred L. Fitch 1, Leon O. Davis 1, Ella L. Gates 1, 2, Katie M. Abbott 1 2, Ellery E. Albee 2, Ulric U. Brigham 2, 3, Rosa E. Jackson 2, Ella E. Morse 2, 3, Emily M. Pickett 2, 3, Mary L. Rand 2, J. Otis Rich 2, 3, Alfred L. Saben 2, 3, Ella S. Hosford 2, George W. Adams 3, Harry C. Parker 3, French J. Gale 3.

NO. 3, GRAMMAR.—George Adams 1, Ellery Albee 1, La Fell Dickinson 1, Milan Dickinson 1, Frank Gale 1, Alfred Saben 1, Elmer Stetson 1, Emma Davis 1, Katie Doolittle 1, Mary Murphy 1, Nellie Pickett 1, Abbie Pierce 1, 2, Eva Pratt 1, Della Rixford 1, 2, Katie Willis 1, 2, 3, Jimmie Heffron 2, Leon Norwood 2, Mary Bancroft 2, Lula Burrington 2, Ellen Gates 2, Alice Holbrook 2, Hattie Kingman 2, 3, Sadie Newton 2, Minnie Seaver 2, Helen Woodbury 2, Frank Kendrick 3, Arthur Roberts 3.

NO. 3, INTERMEDIATE.—Lawrence Cooney 1, Leon L. Naramore 1, 3, Eugene A. Seaver 1, 2, 3, Dean M. Spaulding 1, 2, Walter W. Murphy 1, 3, Lyman A. Gale 1, Harry A. Hildreth 1, Ellen L. Albee 1, Gertrude E. Baker 1, 2, Nellie M. Brown 1, 3, Susie J. Cross 1, 2, 3, Ellen A. Gates 1, Hattie A. Kingman 1, Nora E. Kelton 1, Nettie L. Murphy 1, 2, 3, Jessie M. Metcalf 1, 2, Sadie L. Newton 1, Emma F. Rixford 1, 3, Lena Ressler 1, 2, Minnie J. Seaver 1, Leon C. Norwood 1, Bennie H. Robbins 1, 3, Fred W. Seaver 1, 2, Erwin W. Combs 2, Percy F. Eames 2, Warren W. Kendrick 2, Burton E. Lewis 2, 3, George D. Norwood 2, Lauretta R. Moulton 2, 3, Anna L. Pierce 2, Lizzie A. Sullivan 2, Robert H. Hildreth 3, Guy V. Norwood 3, May K. Dickinson 3.

NO. 3, PRIMARY.—May Dickinson 1, Florence Eaton 1, 2, Geneva Hildreth 1, 3, Lucy M. Harmon 1, Minnie Kent 1, 2, Edith Newell 1, Jessie Waldron 1, Walter Ames 1, Fred Buffum 1, 2, George Cross 1, Charlie Donovan 1, 2, 3, Charlie Metcalf 1, 2, Guy Norwood 1, Bertie Newton 1, Philip Pierce 1, 2, 3, Vere Sprague 1, 2, Bessie Ames 2, Geneva Eaton 2, Cherrie St. Clair 2, Willie Eames 2, 3, Alex Eaton 2, Eddie Lewis 2, Maud

Brigham 2, 3, Alice Pike 3, Blanche Whipple 3, Charles Tenney 3.

No. 4.—Lessie Hutchins 1, Robert L. Beals 1, 2, Harry R. Willard 1, 2, Fred A. Willard 1, 2, George W. Hutchins 2.

No. 5.—Gertie Calkins 1, Edna L. Ware 1, 2, Christabel C. Calkins 1, Eugenie I. Calkins 2, Arthur W. Ware 2, Clarence E. Bryant 2.

No. 6.—S. Lois Jackson 1, L. Maud Jackson 1, 2, Minnie S. Spooner 1, Florence E. Willard 1, 2, Herman Clark 1, Ernest J. Jackson 1, Bertie L. Willard 1, Wesley L. Frink 1, Leòn R. Eaton 2.

No. 7.—Minnie B. Esty 1, 2.

No. 8.—Gertie E. Clark 1, 2, Nellie L. Clark 1, 2, Albert D. Clark 2, Rosa A. Field 2, Nora A. Field 2, Bessie I. Hill 2.

No. 9.—Fay H. Hill 1, 2, Clare G. Hill 1, 2, Josie Norcross 1, Edith V. Nims 1, Mary L. Hill 1.

No. 10.—Eva A. Lawrence 1, 2, Mabel S. Lawrence 1, 2, Ollie S. Lawrence 1, 2, Herbert L. Lawrence 1, Sarah Fassett 1, Mamie Watson 1, Willie E. Watson 1, Joseph H. Watson 1, Perley C. Thompson 1, George W. Thompson 1, Ray W. Thompson 1, Fred L. Carpenter 1, 2, Minnie Carpenter 1, 2, Gertie M. Carpenter 1, 2, John H. Carpenter 2.

No. 13.—Aurilla M. Dingman 1, 2, Sadie A. Hammond 1, Oliver D. Perry 1, Ethel M. Adams 2.

No. 15.—Gertrude M. Pickett 1, Melvin W. Nott 1, 2, Merton W. Nott 1, 2, John Raymond 1, 2, Charlie Raymond 2.

No. 16.—Stella Davis 1, Amanda Naville 1, Hiram Bolton 1, Elwin Davis 1, Roy Naville 1.

No. 18, HIGHER.—Nellie M. Conroy 1, 2, 3, Edith A. Couligan 1, 2, Edith E. Felch 1, Ida A. Kelley 1, 2, Mary E. Welch 1, Maggie J. Welch 1, John H. Dickinson 1, 2, 3, Willis J. Lally 1, May Couligan 2, Maggie Kelley 2, Katie Mangan 2, 3, Mary Warren 2, Eddie Cunningham 2, 3, Katie Conroy 3, Modest Ducette 3.

No. 18, LOWER.—Katie Welch 1, 2, Julia Welch 1, 2, Eugenie Dickinson 1, 2, Joseph Ducette 1, James Jelley 1, Katie Joyce 2, Minnie Joyce 2, Emma Little 2, 3, Clara Ruffe 1, 2, Don Felch 2, Hannah Kelley 3.

No. 19.—John E. Smith 1, Clara J. Manning 1, 2, 3, Grant Hammond 2, 3.

No. 20.—Cora Atherton 1, 2, 3, Mary Atherton 1, Clara Combs 1, 3, Katie Swan 1, Ida Shantly 1, Rosa Shantly 1, James Atherton 1, 3, Le Roy Combs 1, 2, Charlie Shantly 1, Fred Stearns 1, 3, Arthur Howard 2, Minnie E. Lawrence 3, Charles H. Mason.

No. 21.—Willie Barrett 1, 2, Leon R. Eaton 1, Henry L. Eaton 1, George A. Franklin 1, Le Roy C. Pickett 1, H. Osman Pickett 1, 2, Fred C. Slate 1, 2, Winfield A. Thompson 1, 2, Archie L. Thompson 1, Bertie F. Wood 1, Effie W. Conant 2, Grace E. Barrett 2, Bertha M. Pickett 2, Marcia S. Pickett 2.

Mistakes may possibly have found their way into this roll, but we hope it will be found accurate.

The schools, with some few exceptions, have maintained the standard of efficiency during the present year, of years past. This is not high praise, but it is encouraging to know that if they have not yet attained a high standard they are nevertheless moving in the right direction.

Public sentiment with reference to the schools has undergone some salutary changes during the last half-dozen years, and much of the advance in the cause of popular education may fairly be attributable to this fact. We think we may also say that the supervision of the schools, which we confess has been far from perfect, has been an important factor in making our schools what they are. But no supervision or effort can make good scholars without the hearty co-operation of the people.

The irregularity of attendance this year, as in years gone, has been a great deterrent. It is, in fact, one of the greatest obstacles with which we have to contend. If we had the time we should like to present the figures and facts bearing upon this point in the report, so that all who are interested in the subject, might see the evils of keeping the children from school. We will endeavor to do so in our next report.

The average attendance during the year has been about the same as it was during the previous year. We had hoped to show a better record in this respect, but the constitutional or chronic habit of many families of keeping their children out of school has defeated us in this particular.

It is impossible to get full attendance, but we think ten per cent. ought to cover necessary absence. It is a lamentable fact that but from one-third to one-half of the school children in the state attend school. In other

words, the total attendance is only about one-half or two-thirds what it would be had all attended regularly.*

If it be asked how this evil can be remedied, we answer, send the children to school. Let every man and woman make it a part of his or her business to see to it that so long as schools are provided they be attended. Let them help rather than hinder the school officer in keeping the attendance full and regular.

It is idle to expect a reformation in these matters without putting forth an effort, and this effort should begin in the homes of the children. Parents should understand that the practice of keeping their children out of school, or allowing them to absent themselves, is at the bottom of the whole trouble.

We have had 542 weeks of schooling the past year; of them, 85 weeks have been maintained in the winter, and in 12 of the 22 schools.

The average length of schools for the year is twenty-four and two-thirds weeks. This is not enough; it ought to be longer. In the eight graded schools in the three villages, the average length is thirty-two weeks. The average length of the village schools, except the High and Grammar, is thirty and two-thirds weeks.

In a few instances schools have been partial failures. Many of our teachers are well qualified for their vocation, but we are compelled to say that some are not qualified, even intellectually, as they should be. We would by no means discourage any teacher; we deeply sympathize with them in their work, but we would urge that a higher standard in knowledge be aimed at, that the teacher be ready with a liberal fund of general knowledge outside of the book, to enable the pupil to clearly comprehend the lessons therein contained. Parents and citizens

should make it a point to visit the schools and ascertain for themselves how things are going, and not trust to hearsay. They should never speak against a teacher in the hearing of children. They should strive to put down, rather than build up and foster disturbances and rebellion in the school room. We ought in every way to encourage good behavior, and to discountenance idleness and disobedience.

In the matter of deportment the pupils have, in the main, done very well. We have adopted a work on "good manners" which we would recommend that each district procure a copy, and that the teacher take it up in the school. Some of the districts have already provided themselves with copies and the teachers have used them with most gratifying results.

☞ The annual examination of teachers will be held in the high school room, Saturday, April 4, at 9 o'clock in the morning. ☞

Teachers will be examined in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system, in accordance with an act of the last Legislature. In three States where they have adopted this system and worked it, it has far exceeded the brightest hopes of its advocates in promoting the cause of temperance.

We earnestly desire all who intend to teach to be present at the annual examination, thus saving the trouble of a private examination, or compelling us to hold several sessions.

It hardly seems necessary to repeat what has so often been said by your committee, but it is a lamentable fact that the school houses in six or eight districts are wholly

unfit for the purposes for which they are used. Some of the districts in the past few years have taken hold and erected new and commodious houses. The marked improvement in our school buildings is of recent date, and we regard it as a gauge of public sentiment to a great extent, on the subject of our common schools. People are waking up on this subject, and here and there a new or greatly improved school house may be seen by the way side. People are beginning to see that the theory that "the school houses are as good now as when we attended school" is illogical.

Quite likely "we" (whoever we may be) lived in a log house at the time, or in one no better than the school house.

We can see no reason why improvements in school houses and in the other means of acquiring an education should not keep pace with the improvements in other departments of life; why, for example we should insist on comfortable houses to live in and deny them to our children while in school; or why the simplicity of our forefathers in the construction of church edifices, should not in like manner give way in the construction of our school houses.

In many of the other districts there is great need of more blackboard space, outline maps, dictionaries and other equipments, and we doubt not they will be supplied in due course.

We cannot but think that our school interests would be much better served if the town were to take charge of the educational matters, and we respectfully ask you to give the subject earnest and careful thought. Hon. J. W. Patterson, our present Superintendent of Public

Instruction, in his report says: "Since my last report, several towns have voluntarily adopted this system, and, so far as I know, are pleased with the change. As I have previously discussed this question I do not propose to do more at this time than allude, in two or three particulars to the inequality and inconsistency of the present plan. It will readily be seen that it defeats measurably the very end for which public schools are established, as it fails to diffuse with an equitable hand that intelligence which is essential to the safety and highest prosperity of the republic."

It is the rural districts that will derive the most benefit from a change. We think there are sufficient reasons why a change should be made.

The health of the children in the schools has been on the whole good, and the idea that children are being killed by over work in school is groundless.

Perhaps we ought to say that the number of children in our schools is not large who are in danger of injuring themselves by mental application, and hence there is no occasion for alarm on that point.

So far as the committee have had anything to do with the subject, we have simply aimed to keep them up to their work, to have them attend regularly and do the best they could. We have not disguised the fact, however, that we think the acquiring of an education involves toil; that attending school implies business, not recreation; that the school room is a work shop, not a play house.

We have never confessed to them any faith in the doctrine which seems to have become quite popular at the present day among labor saving people, that by cer-

tain hocus pocus in the shape of new methods of study and teaching the path of the student can be made continuously smooth and easy, requiring scarcely any effort on his part to pursue it.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 65 17
Town appropriation,	1,250 00
Tuitions,	34 00
From district No. 3,	250 00
From scholars towards repairing globe,	50
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	\$1,599 67

EXPENDITURES.

George Sherman (high school),	\$ 850 00
Jennie F. Swan (grammar department),	240 00
Dora E. Swan " "	120 00
Rhoda C. Slate (high school assistant),	111 00
Assistant's room (rent, fuel, care, equipments),	29 57
To district No. 3 (fuel, care of house, etc.),	110 60
Ink and crayons (partly stock on hand),	3 87
Books and chart,	10 50
Course of study (400 copies),	5 00
Graduation expenses (address programmes, etc.),	17 19
Postage,	27
Repairs, (rooms, seats, stoves, locks, globe &c.),	40 40
Cash on hand,	61 27
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	\$1,599 67

The additional appropriation of \$150.00 this year has been expended in procuring the services of an assistant for the winter term of the High school. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Rhoda C. Slate, of Bernardston, Mass., whose work in the class room has been excellent.

The advantages accruing from the help of an assistant are very great. But one term's trial, with the drawback of a room in a business block, at a distance from the school building, is not sufficient to set them forth in adequate degree. More time can be thus given to each recitation, the drill can be more thorough, and more pressure can be brought to induce each scholar to make effort to the extent of his actual ability.

If the town should raise money sufficient to secure the services of an assistant for the full year, we think the wisdom of the outlay would appear in a most decisive manner. Expenses have been larger in this experimental term than they would be after the work had gotten upon an established foundation.

Both the high school and the grammar department have been prosperous. The teachers have labored with much assiduity, and not without commendable success. Mr. Sherman's work is that of a very thorough scholar, and a thoughtful and painstaking instructor.

Miss Jennie Swan, who came to the charge of the grammar department after very successful work in the intermediate school, proved equally efficient and satisfactory in her new position, till impaired health compelled her to give the work into the hands of her sister, Miss Dora Swan, who has ably and faithfully carried forward to a successful issue what had been so well begun.

The primary and intermediate schools, being in the same building, and somewhat linked in their welfare with the high school movement, may here be spoken of. The former, taught by Miss Jennie Weeks, has been one of the most interesting schools in town, a model school in order, affection for the teacher, and progress.

The latter, by virtue of disturbing and untoward influences not uncommon to scholars of that age, is handled with greater difficulty, and hence does not appear to quite so good advantage. Nevertheless, the teacher, Miss Sarah Rixford, with hard work, unflagging zeal, and the prestige of large experience in smaller schools, has not by any means labored in vain.

The graduates of the class of 1884 are as follows: Edna C. Whitcomb of West Swanzey, M. Grace Ball, Eva M. Crowell, Eva V. Davis, and J. Otis Rich of West Swanzey. The whole number of scholars in the high school has been 50, with an average attendance of 33. The whole number in the grammar department has been 50, with an average attendance of 28. Total number in both schools, 100; a somewhat smaller number than we have lately reported.

In the high school the number of scholars pursuing studies not reported in the tabular statement is as follows: Physiology 8, book-keeping 24, Algebra 18, Geometry 10, Latin 18, Rhetoric 23, Natural Philosophy 19, Civil government 6.

Candidates for admission to either department, and scholars who have examinations to make up, are examined in writing, the Saturday afternoon preceding the opening of school, commencing at 1 o'clock.

Failures in term examinations must be made up to entitle those thus failing to go on with their classes.

For admission to the grammar department, candidates must pass examination in geography, grammar and arithmetic as far as reduction of compound numbers. This is for the beginning of the fall term, when new classes are formed. Later than this, candidates must be able to pass examination up to the point in arithmetic reached by the class into which admittance is sought.

Scholars from out of town pay tuition of four dollars per term (a less sum than it costs the town to educate its own scholars). They go into any classes that they are fitted to enter without being required to pass a preliminary examination.

Our tuition scholars are usually among the best we have, both as regards scholarship and behavior, and we greatly prize their presence. Those who are made to feel that their school privileges cost them something are most likely to improve them.

Scholars who live in the village, with school so near, and seemingly at no expense, are not wont to appreciate their privileges as they might, or apply themselves to hard work as they ought.

Parents sometimes fail in their part. Scholars in not a few cases get no tone and feel no pressure in the direction of faithful school work. Excuses for absence, by some parents are too numerous, apparently uncalled for. Some scholars have brought in a single term excuses from their parents to the number — well we will not report the exact number — to the number that ought not to be reached, and cannot be tolerated if good work is to be done. Scholars allowed to be absent for any trivial reason are actually wronged and the whole school is wronged as well.

Says another : "An explanation of a principle may be lost at any recitation (if a scholar be absent) upon which will depend the success of much future work. The loss of a few recitations is almost invariably attended by a loss of interest."

It is a well-known fact that scholars who are irregular in attendance rarely if ever attain to thorough mental training. Parents should send *written* requests for excuses of absence and that only in case of urgent necessity. The school period for our children is brief, and other things should give way to the school curriculum during these brief years.

As no ambitious young man can afford to go to college to play ball or practice fencing, so no thoughtful taxpayer can afford to pay school taxes and then let his children lose almost everything that belongs to good education by the social distractions of the modern village. The motto for every scholar should be school work for term time. Says another : "At every academy, we find some regulations guarding against the interference of amusement with the legitimate work of the school. It is easy for a young person to come to regard amusement as of prime importance, and study as secondary." The influences in the home circle let it be remembered are very decisive in this matter. As to the necessity of study out of school something ought to be said.

No satisfactory high school work or academy work can be done unless there is some time given to faithful study out of school. The scholar who will not find time to study thus, simply declines to make the most of himself possible.

The following statement by Mr. Sherman is submitted as conclusive on this point :

There are six hours in the two daily school sessions ; of these, one-half hour is given to recesses, ten minutes to opening exercises, ten minutes to spelling, and ten minutes to daily news and other items of interest, five hours remain for recitations and study.

To complete the course of study in four years, a scholar must successfully pursue at the same time, three branches, besides a fourth study in which one recitation a week is given. This involves a thorough accomplishment of each day's work, day by day. For no more than a fair standing in scholarship, this requires even a bright scholar to study at least one hour and a half on each lesson.

Our course of study demands 16 daily recitations, giving eight recitations two each of two teachers ; one-eighth of the five hours, nearly 40 minutes, is thus spent in each recitation. Each scholar has three daily recitations, which consume two hours of the five ; a scholar can then study but three hours in school if every minute be improved. There is time, therefore, for the learning of only two lessons in school. If the three lessons are successfully pursued, one lesson must be entirely learned outside of school hours.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH HARMON,

S. M. MORSE,

H. W. BRIGHAM,

Superintending School Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF WINCHESTER, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY.

648 Polls,	\$ 64,800 00
Real estate,	774,677 00
341 horses,	23,345 00
127 oxen,	9,880 00
568 cows,	17,718 00
302 other cattle,	6,357 00
595 sheep,	1,724 00
43 hogs,	431 00
42 carriages,	3,165 00
Stock in public funds,	6,500 00
Bank stock,	85,900 00
Surplus capital in banks,	28,942 00
Money on hand,	75,320 00
Stock in trade,	115,710 00
Mills and machinery,	90,100 00
Buildings not designated,	26,300 00
Total,	\$1,330,869 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$2,580 00
County tax,	1,939 00
Ordinary town charges,	1,000 00
Schools,	4,000 00
Highways,	2,500 00
Town poor,	1,200 00
Fire department,	400 00
Town library,	300 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00
Evergreen cemetery,	100 00
Highway from Con. church to Forbes',	200 00
Job near the dam in village,	100 00
Hearse,	200 00
Dog tax,	135 00
Overlay,	597 00
Rate per cent., \$1.11 per hundred.	
School district taxes,	480 74
Total amount committed to Collector,	15,935 21

RECEIPTS.

Money in treasury March 1, 1884,	\$1,294 98
Rec'd of county for county paupers, April term,	684 34
money borrowed,	2,000 00
sale of old plank,	1 55
Fullam,	3 97
for plank,	9 96
county paupers, October term,	728 96
cash refunded on land damages,	25 00
railroad tax,	285 92
savings bank tax,	1,302 08
for literary fund,	300 72
for hay on Calvin Doolittle place,	12 00
for Town hall,	67 00
for Hale sheep case,	62 49
for overdrawn for costs on Hale case,	7 49
of Ames C. Eaton, Collector, 1883 taxes,	284 19
of Ames C. Eaton, Collector, interest on 1883 taxes,	51 11
of Ames C. Eaton, Collector, interest on uncollected taxes,	3 75
of Ames C. Eaton, Collector, taxes of 1884,	15,292 98
of Ames C. Eaton, Collector, interest on 1884 taxes,	55 60
 Total,	 <hr/> \$22,474 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	\$54 15
B. C. Snow, services as sexton for Mrs. Prime,	3 00
S. M. Morse, sundry expenses as per bill,	4 50
E. S. Adams, cash paid for Collector's book and order book,	8 00
W. O. Hardy, recording births and deaths,	3 50
A. H. Taft, recording births and deaths,	8 25
John F. Field, public water,	3 00
J. E. Felch, oil for street lamps,	4 95
E. F. Stimpson, care of water trough,	2 00
Milan D. Spaulding, police badges,	6 25
L. M. Kent, work on water works,	4 15
A. H. Taft, recording births and deaths,	3 00
Earl Evans, recording births and deaths,	5 50
Charles P. Lawrence, public water,	3 00
A. H. Holman, work on Ashuelot engine house,	5 00
C. W. Whittaker, registering births and deaths,	1 50
James R. Ware, public water,	3 00
Wm. R. Bullock, public water,	3 00
Charles D. Seaver, work on public water,	75
Frank Peters, care of town clock and tolling bell,	25 00

Paid Charles St. Clair, oil for street lamps,	\$4 40
Howe & Pratt, oil and chimneys for street lamps at Ashuelot,	2 50
L. F. Buffum, public water,	3 00
W. H. Guernsey, goods and stationery for town offices,	7 29
W. S. Leonard, registering births and deaths,	3 00
F. Weeks & Co., oil for street lamps,	1 96
J. H. Manning, public water,	1 50
A. W. Ball, care of street lamps at Ash- uelot,	18 33
Wright Wood, oil for street lamps,	2 12
G. W. Pierce, registering births and deaths,	5 75
Total,	<hr/> \$201 35

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Haskell Carpenter, labor on highway,	\$1 00
George W. Combs, " "	6 00
E. Alexander, freight on drain pipe,	3 63
E. Alexander, freight on scraper blades,	50
George Tyler, irons for scraper,	18 00
E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	35 00
C. B. Mansfield, labor on highway, as Road Agent,	56 29
L. F. Buffum, labor on highway,	4 80
C. B. Mansfield, labor on highway as Road Agent,	10 00
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	30 00

Paid E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	\$30 00
E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	30 00
E. Alexander, freight on drain pipe and scraper irons,	2 18
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	10 00
L. M. Kent, labor on highway as Road Agent,	39 80
Logan W. Burt, labor on highway as Road Agent,	200 00
E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	75 00
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	56 15
Henry L. Stetson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	117 00
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, plank for highway,	12 01
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, labor on highway as Road Agents,	28 50
J. H. Manning, labor and plank for highway,	98 23
C. B. Mansfield, labor on highway as Road Agent,	88 55
L. W. Burt, labor on highway as Road Agent,	141 80
George W. Combs, labor on highway as Road Agent,	17 50
E. Alexander, express on scraper blades,	1 95
Joseph H. Manning, rebuilding bridge near L. Brown's,	24 27

Paid George Henry Doolittle, cutting brush on highway,	\$3 00
E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	150 00
H. W. Rixford, labor on highway as Road Agent,	12 00
O. S. Higgins, stone work on Hinsdale road,	89 31
L. M. Kent, work on highway,	53 50
D. C. Stearns, labor on highway as Road Agent,	57 10
E. W. Baker, labor on highway as Road Agent,	159 82
L. W. Seaver, labor on highway as Road Agent,	19 27
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	9 00
L. M. Kent, labor on highway as Road Agent,	24 16
E. Alexander, express charges on drain pipe,	2 40
L. M. Kent, labor on highway,	20 90
L. W. Seaver, labor on highway as Road Agent,	38 65
George W. Perry, labor on highway,	3 32
George Tyler, irons for road machines,	32 00
James P. Putnam, labor and plank as Road Agent,	87 06
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	57 50
W. L. Prouty, repairs on scrapers, &c.,	14 71
Burton C. Jackson, labor on highway,	2 37

Paid Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	\$14 50
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	12 45
L. W. Seaver, labor on highway as Road Agent,	8 20
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	3 50
L. M. Kent, labor on highway as Road Agent,	15 25
Thomas White, labor on highway,	3 50
Selectmen, cash paid Mrs. Albee, land damage on laying out highway,	25 00
Joseph Tacy, work on Broad brook road,	2 00
Charles Holton, labor on highway,	5 00
Charles Jackson, labor on highway, as Road Agent,	7 35
Henry Stetson, labor on highway, as Road Agent,	14 25
L. M. Kent, expense planking iron bridge,	19 40
David C. Stearns, labor on highway,	37 60
Herbert W. Warner, " "	2 50
Michael Quigley, " "	2 50
L. W. Burt, " "	25 25
A. P. Tufts & Sons, plank for highway,	31 50
E. Alexander, freight on drain pipe,	72
George W. Combs, labor on highway, as Road Agent,	6 87
Frank Amidon, plank for iron bridge,	58 74
Edward H. Fosgate, labor on highway,	11 45
J. H. Manning, labor on highway as road agent,	22 65

Paid E. S. Adams, labor and money paid on highway,	\$222 50
E. W. Barker, repairs on scraper and drills,	4 30
John Burke, labor on highway,	10 50
James P. Putnam, labor on highway as Road Agent,	26 26
James H. Bolton, labor on highway as Road Agent,	55 05
A. W. Nason, painting road machines,	5 00
E. S. Adams, cash paid George Bragg for work on Broad Brook road,	2 00
Charles Holton, labor on highway.	75
James H. Bolton, " " "	6 00
Amos A. Putnam, " " "	12 53
George C. Snow, labor on highway as Road Agent,	24 28
David Sawyer, labor on highway,	1 80
Moses Ellis, castings for drains,	5 12
Spencer & Co., drain pipe,	104 04
George Tyler, irons for road machines,	24 00
E. B. Kendrick, labor on highway,	10 00
Octave Orceneau, cutting brush on highway,	1 00
L. W. Burt, labor on highway,	2 50
O. L. Howard, " " "	2 50
James R. Ware, " " "	3 50
Dickinson & Baker, plank for highway,	160 83
M. M. Baker, labor on highway,	3 00
L. M. Kent, " " "	12 25
L. M. Kent, repairing sewer,	1 50
George W. Hunt, breaking roads,	6 43
Ansel Dickinson, plank for highway,	44 03

Paid H. B. Robbins, repairing tools,	\$1 60
Charles Jackson, labor on highway as Road Agent,	2 00
Wallace M. Pickett, breaking roads,	50
W. H. Jennings, labor on highway,	10 50
J. H. Manning, snowing bridge and labor on highway,	7 10
Amos A. Putnam, breaking roads,	4 65
E. A. Kingman, labor on highway,	26 25
Henry L. Stetson, labor on highway as , Road Agent,	7 75
Wright Wood, nails for highway,	3 72
C. B. Mansfield, labor on highways as Road Agent,	13 75
E. G. Harder, blacksmith's bill,	7 07
F. P. Willis, nails for bridges, etc.,	10 21
E. W. Baker, labor on highway near Co- burn's,	6 50
Wood Brothers, repairing drain,	6 00
J. B. Cass, labor on highway,	1 75
Charles F. Read, breaking roads,	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3,167 48

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. Patrick O'Brien,	\$ 5 71
Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. John De Bell,	5 15
E. L. Roberts, goods for Mrs. John De Bell,	2 20
Wright Wood, goods for Matthew Cough- lin,	130 00

Paid Selectmen, cash paid for board of Dousett boy at industrial school,	\$34 61
A. H. Taft, medical services for Willie Whittemore,	47 30
Selectmen, cash paid for board of Doucett boy at industrial school,	19 50
Burton C. Jackson, for expense of sickness and funeral of George Ellis,	15 50
W. A. Alexander, coat for Wm. Fosgate,	5 50
Ansel Dickinson, wood for Matthew Coughlin,	12 43
W. S. Leonard, medical services for Mat- thew Coughlin,	13 00
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Mrs. John De Bell,	3 38
M. D. Spaulding, expense of Belle Spaul- ding at insane asylum,	96 33
Maria E. Fassett, support of Abel Fas- sett and wife,	156 54
Selectmen, aid to Mrs. Edward Conroy and family,	200 00
Daniel H. Thompson, support of Wm. Fosgate,	180 00
Dana Davis, goods for Mrs. John De Bell,	8 71
Mrs. Schnell, board of Edward H. Ellis,	78 00
Selectmen, aid to Patrick Maloney,	48 00
John Joyce, Jr., board of Patrick Malony,	16 00
Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. John Leely from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1885, two years,	236 28
Wright Wood, goods for Matthew Cough- lin family,	97 85

Paid Joel Fosgate, support of Mrs. Calvin Doolittle,	\$78 00
F. P. Willis, goods for Mrs. John De Bell,	3 00
G. W. Pierce, medical services for Willie Whittemore,	6 70
G. W. Pierce, medical services for Wm. Fosgate,	50
G. W. Pierce, medical services for C. Tallis,	1 25
Total,	<hr/> \$1,529 44

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid James Cadigan, support of Mrs. Leihey and Scott boy,	\$104 29
Lyman H. Fisher, support of Wm. Weeks,	7 21
Elisha Hutchins, splitting wood for Hannah Gould,	4 75
Emily Smith, aid from town,	79 50
Carrie Hutchins, nursing Hannah Gould,	28 00
Wood Brothers, meat for Hannah Gould,	2 51
Wood Brothers, meat for Mrs. F. Pickering,	1 63
Frank Lewis, for support of Mary Ann Willis,	12 00
James Marsh, goods for Sarah Aldrich,	3 76
C. S. Baker, support of Mary Baker,	64 06
A. H. Taft, aid to Lucia Hammond,	30 00
Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. Garrett Welch,	171 50
Wright Wood, aid to Mary Hayes,	53 00
Wright Wood, for Mrs. Rafferty,	9 84
Joseph Packard, aid to Eddy children,	10 46
Lyman H. Fisher, support of Wm. Weeks,	14 14

Paid George W. Pierce, medical services for Charley Field,	\$3 25
David D. Davis, support of Arvilla Hill,	32 14
A. H. Taft, medical services to Hannah Gould,	33 22
Mrs. Emma J. Baker, support of Henry Allen,	80 25
Mrs. Emeline Putnam, support of Bertie Willard,	50 79
Ball & Felch, goods for Mrs. Anne Crabb,	55 18
Frank Willis, support of Charley Field,	26 35
George L. Fullam, support of Frank Field,	62 38
E. L. Roberts, goods for Hannah Gould,	34 08
Mrs. Anne Crabb, aid from town,	96 58
E. H. & A. W. Naramore, wood for Hannah Gould,	3 00
Selectmen, aid to Rosa Benafor,	10 50
W. C. Hardy, medical attendance for Mrs. Pickering,	2 25
Lyman H. Fisher, support of Wm. Weeks,	5 15
Selectmen, cash for railroad ticket for Wm. Welch,	1 20
E. S. Adams, cash paid for removing Mary Willis and Charley Field to alms house,	8 00
Mrs. Barrett, work for Hannah Gould,	2 00
H. W. Bliss, wood for Lucy Pickering,	10 47
S. M. Morse, cash paid for railroad ticket for Joseph Beaufort to Canada,	13 00
W. L. Rixford, goods for Mrs. Pickering,	6 34
W. O. Hardy, medical attendance, "	12 75
John A. Lesure, coffin for Wm. Weeks,	15 00

Paid John A. Lesure, coffin for E. Russell child,	\$6 00
Wright Wood, goods for Rosa Wood,	62 00
Wright Wood, goods for Charles Vigneau,	19 59
E. S. Adams, wood for Mrs. Crabb,	4 38
E. L. Roberts, goods for Hannah Gould,	7 76
M. C. Dix, medical services for Charles Vigneau,	22 44
Mrs. A. W. Nason, for making dress for Mrs. Leihey,	3 50
Zenas Lewis, support of Mary A. Spooner,	44 00
A. H. Taft, medical services for Arvilla Hill,	12 65
Earl Evans, medical services for Mrs. Garrett Welch,	15 64
Chase & Richards, clothing for Scott boy,	7 50
Mrs. John De Bell, nursing Arvilla Hill,	9 00
E. P. Pierce, medical services for Wm. Weeks,	6 25
George E. Richards, keeping tramps,	18 75
Howe & Pratt, goods for Peter Reill,	13 67
Howe & Pratt, goods for Mrs. Rafferty,	4 44
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Mrs. Leihey,	1 75
F. Weeks & Co., goods for Mrs. George Bragg,	2 31
Oscar J. Plummer, aid from town,	5 50
W. S. Leonard, medical attendance for Mary Baker,	4 50
Wright Wood, goods for Mrs. Crabb,	3 75
George W. Pierce, medical services for Charles Vigneau,	3 75
George W. Pierce, medical services for Mary A. Spooner,	14 65

Paid F. Weeks & Co., goods for Mrs. Leihey and Scott boy,	\$10 36
Total,	<hr/> \$1,464 67

SCHOOLS.

Paid Elijah Harmon, high school money,	\$ 100 00
Eugene Wilder, District No. 8,	47 00
Warren H. Esty, District No. 7,	38 00
Wm. L. R. Felch, District No. 18,	140 00
J. F. Howard, District No. 2,	168 00
C. S. Baker, District No. 16,	55 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	200 00
Lorenzo Calkins, District No. 5,	40 00
George H. Hutchins, District No. 4,	50 00
A. H. Atherton, District No. 20,	42 00
Haskell Carpenter, District No. 10,	52 00
C. B. Mansfield, District No. 21,	45 00
Wm. R. Bullock, District No. 15,	38 50
Joseph H. Manning, District No. 19,	32 00
John O. Hill, District No. 9,	36 58
E. W. Baker, District No. 6,	50 00
E. Harmon, high school,	275 00
Frank H. Lewis, District No. 13,	42 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	25 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	95 00
James P. Putnam, District No. 1,	28 00
A. H. Atherton, District No. 20,	5 00
Wm. L. R. Felch, District No. 18,	10 00
Eugene Wilder, District No. 8,	49 08
J. F. Howard, District No. 2,	150 00
A. H. Atherton, District No. 20,	45 00
J. H. Manning, District No. 19,	32 00

Paid James Putnam, District No. 1,	\$38 00
Warren Esty, District No. 7,	45 00
Wm. L. R. Felch, District No. 18,	140 00
Wm. R. Bullock, District No. 15,	39 23
Lorenzo Calkins, District No. 5,	48 14
George H. Hutchins, District No. 4,	49 20
E. Harmon, High School,	450 00
Frank H. Lewis, District No. 13,	51 70
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	200 00
E. W. Baker, District No. 6,	82 32
J. O. Hill, District No. 9,	64 00
C. B. Mansfield, District No. 21,	82 79
A. H. Atherton, District No. 20,	12 00
Haskell Carpenter, District No. 10,	52 13
J. F. Howard, District No. 2,	152 89
C. S. Baker, District No. 16,	69 92
J. H. Manning, District No. 19,	30 47
Wm. L. R. Felch, District No. 18,	134 42
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	257 03
James P. Putnam, District No. 1,	51 33
A. H. Atherton, District No. 20,	34 86
Warren Esty, District No. 7,	5 19
E. Harmon, high school,	425 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,405 78

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Charles Jackson, for plank for sleds,	\$1 00
John Fitzgerald, taking care of Ashuelot fire engine,	10 00
John Donovan, services of Ashuelot Fire Co.,	111 00
Charles D. Seaver, care of fire engines,	10 00

Paid Ansel Dickinson, lumber for engine house, etc.,	\$1 88
H. C. Tenney, taking care of engines and house,	10 25
F. P. Willis & Co, goods for fire depart- ment,	2 10
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	\$146. 23

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Paid Leander Felt, care of cemetery,	\$30 00
“ “ “ “	20 00
“ “ “ “	50 00
Leander Felt, setting over gravestones,	19 00
Alvin Kempton, care of cemetery gates,	2 00
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	\$121 00

E. F. Stimpson, making gates for the cem-
etry at Ashuelot, and District No. 10, \$7 34

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Selectmen, cash paid for county tax,	\$1,939 10
Selectmen, cash paid for state tax,	2,580 00
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Total,	\$4,519 10

DEBT.

Paid H. Abbott, money borrowed of Winchester bank,	\$2,000 00
H. Abbott, interest on borrowed money,	66 51
H. Abbott, cash paid for coupons on town bonds,	90 00
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Total,	\$2,156 51

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Moderator, March 11, 1884,	\$5 00
E. S. Adams, services as Selectman from March 1 to 5,	8 00
C. W. Newman, services as Supervisor, March, 1884,	11 00
S. M. Morse, services as Moderator, Nov. 4, 1884,	10 00
Charles P. Lawrence, services as Sexton,	5 00
Amos A. Putnam, Supervisor of Check List,	23 00
Amos A. Putnam, Auditor,	2 00
S. M. Morse, services as Selectman from March 1st to 11th,	8 00
George H. Snow, services as Town Clerk,	60 00
Henry Gould, services as Supervisor,	26 00
O. L. Howard, services as Sexton,	97 25
O. L. Howard, services as Sexton,	3 50
H. W. Bliss, services as Selectman from March 1st to 11th,	9 50
Herbert Warner, services as Policeman,	4 50
C. W. Newman, services as Supervisor, Nov. 1884,	15 00
H. Abbott, services as Town Treasurer,	40 00
John A. Bolton, services as Sexton,	12 50
E. Harmon, services of School Committee,	100 00
E. A. Kingman, services as Selectman,	105 00
E. S. Adams, services as Selectman,	192 90
E. S. Adams, services as Overseer of Poor,	16 95

Paid S. M. Morse, services as Overseer of	
Poor,	\$38 00
S. M. Morse, services as Selectman,	176 50
Ames C. Eaton, services as Auditor,	
1883, 1884,	4 00
Ames C. Eaton, services as Collector,	130 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,103 60

LIBRARY.

Paid J. Grace Alexander,	\$25 00
J. Grace Alexander,	75 00
J. Grace Alexander,	200 00
Total,	<hr/> \$300 00

TOWN HALL.

Paid F. Weeks & Co., goods for town hall,	\$1 06
M. D. Spaulding, services as Janitor,	47 55
M. D. Spaulding, labor on town hall,	6 15
John Hutchins, goods for town hall,	1 00
F. P. Willis & Co., goods for town hall,	7 78
J. A. Powers, goods for town hall,	40
Total,	<hr/> \$63 94

BOUNTY ON WOODCHUCKS.

Paid George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on	
woodchucks,	\$10 00
George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on	
woodchucks,	20 00
George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on	
woodchucks,	25 00

Paid George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on woodchucks,	\$25 00
George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on woodchucks,	25 00
E. S. Adams, cash paid on woodchucks,	2 10
George H. Snow, cash to pay bounty on woodchucks,	25 00
Total,	<hr/> \$132 10

SIDEWALK ON MECHANIC STREET.

Paid F. H. Eames, agent for petitioners,	\$75 00
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NEW ROAD NEAR ERI PUTNAM'S.

Paid Eri Putnam, land bought for highway,	\$65 00
Edward Bilido, labor on road,	9 38
G. L. Kendrick, labor on road with team,	35 00
T. W. Kendrick, labor on road,	18 25
L. W. Burt, labor on road with team,	52 75
E. B. Kendrick, labor on road,	20 65
G. J. Raymond, labor on road,	8 00
Thomas White, labor on road,	15 00
Frank Nellett, labor on road,	8 23
F. P. Willis & Co., powder, &c.,	4 95
S. M. Morse, cash paid Frank Nellett for labor,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$240 21

WASHOUT AT ASHUELOT.

Paid C. A. Mason, job repairing road,	\$214 00
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SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

Paid D. T. Saben, District No. 20, tax 1883,	\$70 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	30 00
D. T. Saben, District No. 20, tax 1883,	217 00
John Hutchins, District No. 3,	100 00
George H. Snow, No. 3,	168 24
David C. Stearns, District No. 20,	125 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	20 00
George H. Snow, District No. 3,	6 76
Total,	<hr/> \$737 00

FILL NEAR FORBES' HOUSE.

Paid L. M. Kent, labor on fill,	\$250 00
John Joyce, Jr., labor on fill,	4 50
Charles Jackson, labor on fill,	25 00
L. M. Kent,	78 35
L. M. Kent,	66 50
Joseph Titus, sand for fill,	28 50
E. S. Adams, man and team,	89 25
Edgar Hammond, labor,	9 00
W. H. Jennings, labor with team,	78 05
E. A. Kingman, labor,	26 75
Total,	<hr/> \$655 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid selectmen, witness fees and expense in	
B. O. Hale's sheep case,	\$50 00
Oscar Field, damage to wagon on highway,	5 00
Frank Peters, expenses for handcuffs for police,	2 50

Paid Mrs. James Roach, re-embursement for cash paid at Insane Asylum,	\$15 00
E. Alexander, express charges,	95
Dalton & Ingersoll, material for repairing water tank,	10 43
S. M. Morse, stamps and stationery,	1 20
James P. Sullivan, damage to team on highway,	7 50
Mrs. James Roach, re-embursement for cash paid Insane Asylum,	12 00
Charles A. Rich, cash paid for freight on hearse,	16 28
Charles A. Rich, expense getting hearse from Keene,	3 00
Mrs. James Roach, re-embursement for board at Insane Asylum,	10 00
Selectmen, cash paid referee on Putnam land,	2 00
Selectmen, cash paid Brownell for hearse,	425 00
J. E. Coxeter, cash for repairs on water tank,	22 00
H. Abbott, Decoration fund,	25 00
E. Wilbur, cash for team to Ashuelot,	50
A. Dickinson, for strengthening the river bank near the dam in the village,	35 64
E. A. Kingman, cash paid for cutting brush in Ashuelot cemetery,	5 25
F. Weeks & Co., grass seed for common,	62
James T. Burnap, justice fees in Hicks & Chase case,	2 00
E. C. Doolittle, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
Charles H. Jackson, repairing guide boards,	2 00

Paid Mrs. James Roach, expense of board of Roach at Insane Asylum,	\$12 00
D. S. Swan, costs in Hicks & Chase and Capron case,	12 02
S. M. Morse, sundry cash expenses,	4 25
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	\$687 14

OLD BILLS.

Paid J. O. Hill, breaking roads,	\$1 75
George E. Page, labor on highway,	1 25
Joseph H. Manning, labor on highway,	7 17
Fred H. Field, snowing Combs bridge,	2 97
Ira Perham, labor on highway,	2 45
L. F. Buffum, public water,	3 00
E. M. Forbes, insurance assessment,	13 02
E. Berkinshaw, services as fireward, 1879, '80, '81, '82,	18 00
A. B. Woodbury, damage laying water pipe,	2 50
Mrs. A. W. Warner, care of Hannah Gould,	20 00
A. W. Nason, services as auditor, 1882-3,	4 00
L. B. Seaver, blacksmith's bill, 1883,	11 15
H. G. Pickett, lumber for bridge near Pickett's mill, 1883,	1 00
Daniel I. Emerson, gravel for highway, 1883,	12 25
P. J. Fallon, labor on highway, 1883,	75
Howe & Pratt, cash for building side- walk, 1883,	10 00
D. C. Stearns, breaking roads, 1883,	1 80
S. O. Hawkins, labor on highway, 1883,	5 26

Paid S. O. Hawkins, goods for fire department, 1883,	\$1 20
J. A. Powers, medicine for Sarah Thayer, 1883,	45
Total,	<hr/> \$119 97

ABATEMENTS.

Paid John Whipple, abatement of tax on real estate,	\$1 11
Joseph Demon, abatement of poll tax,	1 11
Bartholomew Quarters, abatement of tax on real estate,	2 22
Octave Orceneau, abatement of tax,	33
Abel H. Cook, abatement of tax on real estate,	5 55
Miles McNamara, abatement of tax on real estate,	2 22
Henry Doucett, abatement of tax on real estate,	1 11
Lyman Clark, error in tax,	11 10
Charles H. Cooper, error in tax,	6 32
A. Dickinson, error in tax,	10 55
E. W. Baker, error in tax,	11 10
Ames C. Eaton, abatement of list of poll taxes,	54 47
Total,	<hr/> \$107 19

RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary town charges,	\$201 35
Highways and bridges,	3,167 48
Town paupers,	1,529 44
County paupers,	1,464 67
Schools,	4,405 78
Fire department,	146 23
Evergreen cemetery,	121 00
Ashuelot cemetery,	7 34
State and county tax,	4,519 10
Debt,	2,156 51
Town officers,	1,103 60
Library,	300 00
Town hall,	63 97
Bounty on woodchucks,	132 10
Sidewalk,	75 00
New road near Eri Putnum's,	240 21
Washout at Ashuelot,	214 00
Special school district taxes,	737 00
Special road job near Forbes',	655 90
Miscellaneous,	687 14
Old Bills,	119 97
Abatements,	107 19
Total,	<hr/> \$22,154 98

S. M. MORSE,

E. S. ADAMS,

E. A. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Winchester.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1885, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds outstanding March 1, 1885,	\$1,000 00
Interest on town bonds to March 1, 1885,	10 00
Due schools, literary fund,	300 72
Due schools, dog taxes,	125 00
Outstanding orders, 1883,	52
Outstanding orders, 1884,	7 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	150 00
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Total,	\$1,593 24

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1885,	\$320 00
Due from Collector, uncollected taxes,	642 23
Due from Collector, March 1, 1883,	15 00

Due from county, for support of county paupers,	\$256 10
Due for rent of town hall, 1883,	12 50
Due from city of Keene, for support of E. Ballou,	28 50
Due from State, bounty on woodchucks,	132 00

Total,	\$1,406 74
Balance in favor the town, March 1, 1884,	\$33 63
Balance against the town, March 1, 1885,	186 50

HENRY GOULD,
 AMOS A. PUTNAM,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1884,	\$1 99
for fines and catalogues,	11 00
Town appropriation,	300 00
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	\$312 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	\$112 93
G. H. Tilden & Co. (bill of 1883),	37 44
J. A. Powers, rent to April 1, 1885,	40 00
E. S. Henry, printing By-Laws,	3 50
Jennie L. Weeks, librarian,	50 00
E. L. Roberts, wood,	2 12
C. M. Norwood, wood,	46
Dan Donovan, work on wood,	1 50
E. Alexander, agent, freight and express,	1 31
E. M. Forbes, insurance,	20 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., paper for covers,	3 00
F. Weeks & Co., oil,	80
Trustees' services,	15 00
Cash in bank,	24 93
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	\$312 99

The number of books belonging to the library, including those recently purchased, is 2311.

In looking at the early records of the Washington library, of which this is the outgrowth, we find such standard works as Plutarch's Lives, Addison's Spectator, Rollins' Ancient History, Mosheim's Church History, Goldsmith's Greece and Rome, Shakespeare, Spark's American Biography, and some others, equally valuable, and now a part of this library; and while the yearly expense of rebinding and repairing often-used and much-abused books, is a large item, many of these have never been through this process. Whether because better bound, more carefully used, or less frequently read, we cannot say.

The patronage of the library and its influence are increasing from year to year.

A new supplementary catalogue is a pressing need. When this shall be completed, as it will be soon, we hope that every family, if not every person, who patronizes the library, will have a catalogue and supplement, thus facilitating the work of the librarian, and making it more convenient and satisfactory to all.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. BUFFUM,

J. GRACE ALEXANDER,

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Trustees.

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